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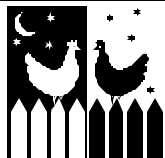
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Retail demand was slow to light, best where few and scattered ads were present. Food service was light to moderate, best for fast food. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate, often longest for heavier weights, with discounts offering little help. In the parts structure, movement was disappointingly light and cautious. Wings were in a better balance with slightly more interest, but the remaining items were more than sufficient. In production areas live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable but trending heavier in some areas.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 64.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.50 cents last year on November 29, 2000.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	187.50
BREASTS - B/S	126.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	59.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	88.50
LEG QUARTERS	30.00
WINGS	87.00

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was seasonally slow to fair with light trading, better into food service channels. Supplies were at least adequate to easily satisfy limited needs. In the parts structure, movement was mixed. Wings were more balanced, but still available, and the remaining items were more than sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light during midweek trading as dealers remained cautious and selective. Offerings of all sizes remained fully adequate and available at slight discounts. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate. Leg quarters were ample. The remainder of items were more than sufficient.

MIDWEST Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady at best. Offerings of additional product were fully sufficient for the very limited trade needs. Movement into retail accounts was as anticipated following the holiday, slow to light with few features noted. Retail features reported in the Michigan area on whole fryers at 79 cents and boneless/skinless breasts at \$1.99. In the St. Louis and Chicago areas, retail features noted on boneless/skinless breasts at \$1.59 with Chicago reporting wings at 99 cents also. Food service movement was irregular and spotty, light to occasionally moderate. Floor stocks were adequate and building. Weights were mostly desirable and trending heavier. Market activity on parts items continued to struggle. Supplies of dark meat and breast items were plentiful and wings adequate. The market tone was steady on wings, barely steady to weak on all other items.

WESTERN The market tone was about steady. Offerings were adequate to ample for current needs, with whole body product over three pounds in the longest position. Buying interest was cautious with sharp discounts noted for immediate shipments. Retail demand was moderate for whole body best where features in progress, fairly good for parts best by fast food. Floor stocks adequate. The market tone was barely steady on parts with leg quarters in the weakest position.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	WEEK ENDING 11/24/01	2001	2000	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	180,425	180,652		0
CHICKS PLACED	139,149	134,733		+03
19 STATES				
EGGS SET	200,527	-	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	156,670	-	-	-

Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 180 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 24, 2001. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 139 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 24, 2001. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through November 24, 2001 were 6.86 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Four Additional States in Weekly Program

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19 States set a total of 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 24, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 157 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 24, 2001.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 05-Jan-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 140.5 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 138.0 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 137.1 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 150.1 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.17 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

NOVEMBER 28, 2001

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	938	105.00-168.00	120-125	133.15
TENDERLOINS	85	105.00-201.00	105-110	136.04
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	37.00-55.00	38-40	38.64
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	398	22.00-26.00	22-24	22.68
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,210	24.00-31.50	26-27	27.12
WINGS (WHOLE)	380	75.00-94.00	88-90	89.45
WINGS (CUT)	392	94.00-117.00	95-98	102.58
DRUMSTICKS	68	49.00-55.00	-	49.71
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	70	84.00-90.00	-	87.43

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	933	105.00-168.00	120-125	133.16
TENDERLOINS	88	105.00-201.00	105-110	134.98
BREAST - LINE RUN	73	60.00-64.00	60-61	60.47
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	37.00-49.00	37-39	38.09
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	432	22.00-27.00	22-24	22.65
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,251	24.00-31.50	26-27	26.71
WINGS (WHOLE)	361	75.00-94.00	88-90	88.24
WINGS (CUT)	332	94.00-117.00	95-98	102.37
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	70	84.00-94.00	-	91.43

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.50 - 44.00	40.12	39.75 - 43.50	40.11	40.85

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was generally fair at best during midweek trading as purchasing centered around normal commitments. Offerings of breast items remained available. Leg quarters were fully sufficient. Wings were at least adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light and unaggressive. The market tone was cautiously steady.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	123.28	373,930
TENDERLOINS	100	102.92	94,128
BREAST - WITH RIBS	50-51	57.66	174,720
BREAST - LINE RUN	50	49.90	154,800
LEGS	39-40	44.14	105,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	23-24	27.10	433,762
DRUMSTICKS	39-40	41.73	119,310
THIGHS	37-38	42.81	61,820
B/S THIGHS	86-87	85.15	58,350
WINGS (WHOLE)	83-84	89.17	299,800
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.31	35,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.74	16,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	64.17	24,070

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	121.82	332,980
TENDERLOINS	100	104.65	72,060
BREAST - WITH RIBS	50-51	59.69	173,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	50	51.64	174,200
LEGS	39-40	44.86	146,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	23-24	26.86	321,613
DRUMSTICKS	39-40	37.77	124,070
THIGHS	37-38	38.82	83,060
B/S THIGHS	86-87	84.87	50,320
WINGS (WHOLE)	83-84	92.96	316,280
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.73	30,580
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	35.87	9,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	64.22	25,640

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	11/28	11/27	11/26	11/23	11/26
ALA	4,045	4,014	4,055	3,038	5.14
ARK	5,298	5,413	5,146	4,427	5.14
DELMARVA	2,324	2,268	2,270	1,873	5.13
KY-LA-TN	2,029	1,993	2,027	1,583	4.69
MISS	2,696	2,871	2,751	2,042	5.19
NC	2,634	2,589	2,545	1,547	6.00
TEXAS	2,393	2,397	2,048	1,623	5.02
TOTAL	21,419	21,545	20,842	16,133	5.19
MON-WED 64,111(A)					5.05
					19,564
					5.14
					61,457(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Nov 01 and is estimated to be 32,045,000 up 9.15 percent from a week ago and up 9.7 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,358,000; last year 29,219,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	85-87
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 94-96
	DRY PACK 96-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-113
	DRY PACK 113-123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 98
	DRY PACK 91
DUCKS	152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING DEC 01-01

	CURRENT WEEK 12/01/01 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 11/24/01
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	153,012 (2)	127,202
LT HENS	2,106	1,280
HVY HENS	1,469	963
CHECK TOTAL	156,587	129,445

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 01-Dec-01 is 152.5 million head compared to 148.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 153.3 million head or 0.8 million more than estimated available. For week of 08-Dec-01 the estimated available is 154.1 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS

FEDERAL-STATE (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY LBS
AM 26-Nov-01	71,091	71,388
AM 1-Nov-01	173,143	59,796
CHG	-102,052	11,592
PCT CHG	-59	19

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/26/01	11/19/01	11/27/00	11/26/01	11/19/01	11/27/00
PACIFIC						
COAST	5,798	8,232	10,614	3,128	3,169	7,856
LOS						
ANGELES	155	187	149	1,667	1,603	2,091

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26, 2001

	RANGE		
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	56-60		
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-68		
	FOR 11/27/01		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.70	1.05	.91
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	.90	.95	.92
BROILERS lb.	-	.50	-
ROASTERS lb.	.70	.85	.79
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	.80	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.75	1.15	.98
GEES lb.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.65	.75	.71
DUCKS lb.	.60	2.00	.79
RABBITS lb.	1.35	1.95	1.67
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 100

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending November 23, 2001

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	51.16	129.15	74.51	19.87	19.87	47.68
High	58.61	139.08	84.44	24.84	24.84	47.68
Mostly	54.64	129.15	79.47	19.87	19.87	47.68
SAN JUAN						
Low	59.61	139.08	89.41	27.32	14.90	46.69
High	62.59	146.53	94.38	39.74	19.87	46.69
Mostly	59.61	141.56	89.41	32.29	17.38	46.69
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	50.66	124.18	74.51	14.90	19.87	47.19
High	57.62	139.08	84.44	24.84	24.84	47.19
Mostly	54.64	129.15	74.51	14.90	24.84	47.19
BECERRA						
Low	59.11	144.05	86.92	29.80	16.39	47.19
High	62.59	149.01	99.34	37.25	19.87	47.19
Mostly	61.59	144.05	89.41	32.29	17.38	47.19

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and unaggressive. Sellers found little if any buyer interest in readily available offerings at highly competitive price levels. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly weak. In the parts complex, all cuts were at least adequate for the disappointingly light buying interest.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	49-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	55.63
NO. OF BOXES	9,075

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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